

St. Mary-St. Catherine

Of Siena

Roman Catholic Parish

Charlestown, Massachusetts • Archdiocese of Boston

Est. April 18, 2006

[stmarystcatherine.org](http://stmarystcatherine.org)

August 5, 2018

**Welcome!** To visitors to our Parish, to those who have recently moved into the area and to those comfortable and nourished here—*Welcome To All*. And, regardless of your status in the Church, your marital state, your ethnicity, your prior religious experience, your personal history, background or sexual orientation, please know that you are accepted and respected at Saint Mary–Saint Catherine of Siena Parish. Please introduce yourself to the priest and register as a member of our Parish.

**Mission** Saint Mary–Saint Catherine of Siena is an urban, Roman Catholic Parish formed in 2006 from two historic Charlestown parishes. We are an intentionally inclusive community welcoming all of the many people who make up our diverse neighborhood. Because our lives are nourished by the Eucharist, we strive to build a vibrant Parish that develops and strengthens our faith and worship. With a goal of being community-oriented in the Spirit of the Gospel, we are involved in the local and global issues of our times. We are therefore dedicated to service, action, and compassion.

**Misión** St. Mary's-St. Catherine of Siena es una parroquia urbana, Católica Romana, formada en 2006 de la unión de dos parroquias históricas de Charlestown. Somos una comunidad intencionalmente inclusiva que acoge a toda clase de personas que constituyen nuestro diverso vecindario. Porque nuestras vidas están alimentadas por la Eucaristía, nuestra intención es establecer una parroquia vibrante que desarrolle y fortifique nuestra fe y nuestro culto. Con la meta de estar orientados hacia la comunidad en el Espíritu del Evangelio, estamos comprometidos en los asuntos locales y globales de nuestros tiempos. Estamos, por lo tanto, dedicados al servicio, a la acción y a la compasión.

## Building a Place



For more than 2000 years the stories have been told about the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. Everyone is drawn into the story and often it is re-enacted within church communities with a couple moving from home to home and knocking on doors seeking shelter. We have listened to the sobering result of the poor family's search: *There was no place for them in the inn where travelers lodged.*

They were offered a stable out and around back somewhere and it was in that humble place amidst the animals that Mary gave birth to the Savior of the world.

Several years ago we refurbished and dedicated our simple and lovely *Mary's Peace Garden*, behind the church on Soley Street. It is in that garden that we have wanted a beautiful crèche, imagining the stable where the Baby Jesus was born.

This year is the year for us to build this

crèche and also to repair and replace the images for the stable. This article is an invitation to any member of the parish who would like to work on this project. Whether you wish to saw wood, design with a pencil, hammer a nail or purchase the lumber and materials – everyone is welcome to help out on the project.

The starting point is to send an email expressing your interest and your proposal of how we should move forward to:

*buildingaplace@stmarystcatherine.org*

We will assemble all suggestions and call a design meeting in late August.

This year it will be so very special to have a beautiful crèche out in our neighborhood this Advent and Christmas time. I hope you will join me in whatever way you can in this project.

Fr. Ronan



## INSIDE: Fr. Edward Okpu visiting

## Mass Schedule

**Saturday – St. Mary Church**

4:00 p.m.

**Sunday – St. Mary Church**

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m. Family Mass

6:00 p.m. (*in Chapel during Summer months*)

**Daily Mass** Mon.-Fri., 8:00 a.m. at **St. Catherine of Siena Chapel** (entrance on Soley St. side of Church)

**Holidays** 9:00 a.m. in Chapel

**Reconciliation** 3:45 p.m. Saturday in Church or by appointment

**Baptism** Visit [stmaryscatherine.org/sacraments/](http://stmaryscatherine.org/sacraments/) for our 2017 schedule or call Sr. Nancy at (617) 242-4664. Preparation classes are held for Parents and Godparents on the preceding Friday of the monthly baptism at 7PM in the Parish Center.

**Pastor**

Fr. James J. Ronan

**Pastoral Associate**

Sr. Nancy Citro, SNDdeN

**Business Manager**

James Santosuosso

**Social Ministry Director**

Thomas J. MacDonald

**Pastoral Assistant, Faith Formation**

Katy Fleming

**Director of Music and Organist**

Daniel Sauceda

**Administrative Assistant**

Dianne Ludy

*Staff emails are first initial with last name  
(example, "jsmith@stmaryscatherine.org")*

**Clergy In Residence**

Fr. Jerome Gillespie

Fr. Ken Chemize O.C.D.

Fr. Anthony Nweke C.S.S.A.

**Visiting Clergy**

Fr. Pat Universal

**Deacons**

Dan Burns

**Hispanic Ministry**

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**Vice Chairs Pastoral Council**

Shawn Burke

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**AUGUST 5 ~ EIGHTEENTH**

**SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

THE ISRAELITES IN TODAY'S SCRIPTURE ARE GRUMBLING AND COMPLAINING TO GOD. THERE ARE MANY THINGS PEOPLE FIND TO GRUMBLE ABOUT — THE WEATHER, THE NEWS, EVEN PASTORAL PLANNING. JUST AS GOD SENT MANNA TO FEED THE ISRAELITES, HE SENT HIS SON JESUS TO SAVE US AND FEED US ALWAYS. MAKE IT A PRACTICE THIS WEEK NOT TO GIVE IN TO GRUMBLING. INSTEAD, TAKE COMFORT IN JESUS' WORDS "I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE; WHOEVER COMES TO ME WILL NEVER HUNGER, AND WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME WILL NEVER THIRST."



**Feast of the  
Transfiguration of  
the Lord -  
August 6**

*Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him.*

*Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."*

*When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone. (Mt 17:1-9)*

*This One who came from eternity, and took upon Himself the limitations of time, opened the portal of eternity which would never again be closed to those with eyes to see. He revealed to Peter, James and John the eternal now of His own glory.*

**The Church is handicap-accessible on Soley Street.  
The Chapel is handicap-accessible on Winthrop Street.**

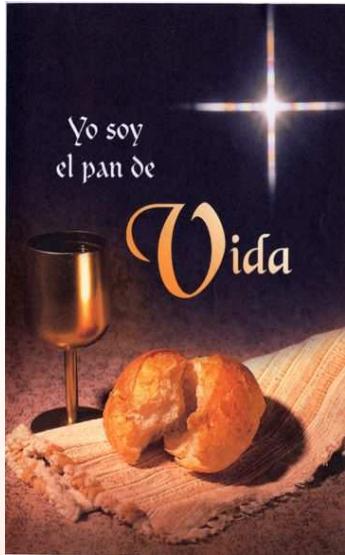
**Parish Center  
& Eucharistic Chapel**  
46 Winthrop Street **617-242-4664**

**Saint Mary Church**  
55 Warren Street  
**Saint Catherine of Siena Chapel**

Warren and Soley Street

**Social Ministry Office**  
49 Vine Street **617-990-7314**

**Good Shepherd School**  
20 Winthrop Street **617-242-8800**



Queridos hermanos y hermanas, que el Dios de la vida permanezca siempre con todos ustedes y que su paz de Cristo habite en sus corazones y sean signo de la presencia del Amor en medio del mundo por medio de la acción del Espíritu Santo.

Seguimos en este tiempo con la lectura del capítulo 6 de san Juan, sobre el milagro de la multiplicación de los panes. Dice el texto que: "En aquel tiempo, cuando la gente vio que en aquella parte del lago no estaban Jesús ni sus discípulos, se embarcaron y fueron a Cafarnaúm para buscar a Jesús". Cuando lo encontraron en la otra orilla del lago, le preguntaron: "Maestro, ¿cuándo llegaste acá?" Jesús les contestó: "Yo les aseguro que ustedes no me andan buscando por haber visto señales milagrosas, sino por haber comido de aquellos panes hasta saciarse. No trabajen por ese alimento que se acaba, sino por el alimento que dura para la vida eterna y que les dará el Hijo del hombre; porque a éste, el Padre Dios lo ha marcado con su sello".

La multitud busca a Jesús con ansia, lo busca por tierra y por mar, ve en Él a alguien que puede ayudarlos, pero Jesús no se deja llevar por el simplismo, por el sentirse tenido en cuenta porque realiza obras, por ser "alguien" importante y con poder en el pueblo... Jesús hace ver a la gente que lo buscan no porque han visto signos sino porque han comido hasta hartarse y ven en Él a una persona que puede facilitarles la vida, que puede solucionarles los problemas con un simple gesto como el de multiplicar la comida.

Entonces ellos le dijeron: "¿Qué necesitamos para llevar a cabo las obras de Dios?" Respondió Jesús: "La obra de Dios consiste en que crean en aquel a quien él ha enviado". Es lo que nos dice san Pablo en su carta a los Efesios: "Declaro y doy testimonio en el Señor, de que no deben ustedes vivir como los paganos, que proceden conforme a lo vano de sus criterios. Esto no es lo que ustedes han aprendido de Cristo; han oído hablar de él y en él han sido adoctrinados, conforme a la verdad de Jesús. El les ha enseñado a abandonar su antiguo modo de vivir, ese viejo yo, corrompido por deseos de placer. Dejen que el Espíritu renueve su mente y revístanse del nuevo yo, creado a imagen de Dios, en la justicia y en la santidad de la verdad".

Estas palabras nos llevan a hacer las obras de Dios, que nos han sido dadas en y por Jesucristo, y que san Pablo y los santos han sabido vivir en sus vidas. Jesús nos dice: "Yo soy el pan de Vida. El que viene a mí no tendrá hambre y el que cree en mí nunca tendrá sed". Sí, es verdad, pues Jesús mismo es el alimento que da la vida eterna ya en esta vida para quien lo come en gracia de Dios, por eso san Pablo insiste en las obras de Dios, en vivir una vida de convertidos, de verdaderos cristianos, y no sólo una vida de tibios que no terminan nunca de saberse de qué lado están, sin comprometerse en serio con Cristo y su Palabra.

Por eso, a la vez que nos comprometemos a llevar una vida digna de los hijos de Dios, le pedimos a Jesús la gracia de ayudarnos a que podamos vivir más unidos a Él en espíritu y en verdad: "Señor, danos siempre de ese pan". Amén

## Ministry to the Sick and Homebound

We welcome the opportunity to provide the Sacraments of Confession, Communion or Anointing of the Sick to anyone who is confined to home, either on a short or longer term basis, as we want to do our best to help them feel connected to our community.

Please call us at 617-242-4664 if you, a relative or neighbor is open to having a home visit for some friendly conversation and prayer.



women suffering from the pain of a past abortion to attend a Come to the Waters of Healing one day retreat. Fall dates are September 22, October 27 and November 10. Locations are confidential. Limited to ten participants per retreat. For more information, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or [help@projectrachelboston.com](mailto:help@projectrachelboston.com).

## Project Rachel Post - Abortion Healing Retreats

"Words cannot even begin to express how I honestly feel the mercy and forgiveness from God that I've been beating myself up for all of these years..." – A Project Rachel retreat participant. The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to



## FEAST DAY - AUGUST 11 - SAINT CLARE

St. Clare of Assisi was born in Assisi on July 16, 1194, as Chiara Offreduccio, the beautiful eldest daughter of Favorino Sciffi, Count of Sasso-Rosso and his wife Ortolana. Tradition says her father was a wealthy representative of an ancient Roman family and her mother was a very devout woman belonging to the noble family of Fiumi.

As a young girl, Clare dedicated herself to prayer. At 18-years-old, she heard St. Francis of Assisi preach during a Lenten service in the church of San Giorgio and asked him to help her live according to the Gospel. On Palm Sunday in 1212, Clare left her father's home and went to the chapel of the Porziuncula to meet with Francis. While there, Clare's hair was cut off and she was given a plain robe and veil in exchange for her rich gown.

Clare joined the convent of the Benedictine nuns of San Paulo, near Bastia, under Francis' orders. Francis then sent Clare to Sant' Angelo in Panzo, another Benedictine nuns monastery. Clare's sister Catarina, who took the name Agnes, joined her at this monastery. The two remained there until a separate dwelling was built for them next to the church of San Damiano.

Overtime, other women joined them, wanting to also be brides of Jesus and live with no money. They became known as the "Poor Ladies of San Damiano." San Damiano became the center of Clare's new order. For a brief period of time, the order was directed by St. Francis himself and by 1216, Clare became the abbess of San Damiano. Ten years after Clare's death, the order became known as the Order of Saint Clare.

In 1224, an army of rough soldiers from Frederick II came to attack Assisi. Although very sick, Clare went out to meet them with the Blessed Sacrament on her hands. She had the Blessed Sacrament placed at the wall where the enemies could see it. Then on her knees, she begged God to save the Sisters. "O Lord, protect these Sisters whom I cannot protect now," she prayed. A voice seemed to answer: "I will keep them always in My care." In that moment, a sudden fright struck the attackers and they fled as fast as they could without harming anyone in Assisi.

On August 9, 1253, Pope Innocent IV declared Clare's rule would serve as the governing rule for Clare's Order of Poor Ladies. Two days later, Clare died at 59-years-old. Her remains were placed in the chapel of San Giorgio while the church dedicated to her remains was being built. At Pope Innocent's request, the canonization process for Clare began immediately, and two years later in 1255, Pope Alexander IV canonized Clare as Saint Clare of Assisi.

The Order of Poor Ladies was officially changed to the Order of Saint Clare in 1263 by Pope Urban IV.

St. Clare was designated as the patron saint of television in 1958 by Pope Pius XII, because when St. Clare was very ill, she could not attend mass and was reportedly able to see and hear it on the wall in her room.

She is also the patroness of eye disease, goldsmiths, and laundry.

**August 11 & 12, 2018**

## **Fr. Edward Okpu, from the Diocese of Bomadi will be here to speak at the Masses**



The Catholic Diocese of Bomadi is located in the rural areas of Delta State in south-south of Nigeria. The Diocese of Bomadi is being shepherded by Bishop Hyacinth Egbebo, MSP. Given that the Catholic faith is thriving in this area and the harvest to God's Kingdom is plentiful, gives us all a cause for joy. However, the economic situation of the people is deplorable. The people have no access to potable water, roads, hospitals, schools, and there is no electricity.

There are little or no job opportunities in these rural areas. The people only depend on fishing and a little bit of farming with crude implements as their main source of livelihood. Worse still, is that the rivers are quite polluted from crude oil exploitation activities. Hence, aquatic life has become gravely endangered.

Most of the local population has their main source of drinking water from the polluted river. The water is polluted with debris and sometimes from occasional oil spillages. This same river is where people empty all their wastes. This explains why the death rate is abnormally high especially among children whose immune systems are not developed enough to accept this level of pollution. Pregnant mothers and elderly are also vulnerable with high death rates as well.

Father Okpu will be here on behalf of the Diocese of Bomadi to help raise awareness of the needs of the diocese and is looking for some financial help. Thank you for assisting in whichever way you can.



**CALLING ALL SENIORS!**  
**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Wednesday,**  
**August 15**  
**at 11:30**

Please join us on Wednesday, August 15 at 11:30 am in the church hall for the first of several upcoming monthly lunch and a movie days.

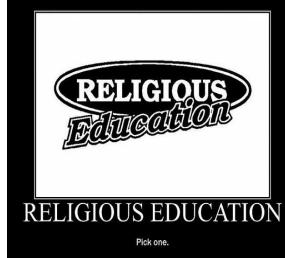
RSVP to Dianne Ludy at 617-242-4664 or [dludy@stmarystcatherine.org](mailto:dludy@stmarystcatherine.org) by August 13th. We hope to see you there!



**RICA (The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)** is a program for Catholics who have not had the opportunity to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation; for Adults who are members of another religion or have never been baptized and want to know more about the Catholic faith and perhaps become Catholic.

For more information, call Sr. Nancy at 617-242-4664 or  
[email ncitro@stmarystcatherine.org](mailto:ncitro@stmarystcatherine.org)

**Registration**  
**2018/2019**



Pick one.

Registration for this fall's religious education

classes is now open! Forms can be found at the back of the Church or on the web site. Please return them filled out to the Parish Center. The first class will be a Family Event on Sunday, September 16.

Have a great summer!



*10th Annual Dinner  
 Celebration of the Priesthood*

SUPPORTING THE CLERGY HEALTH AND RETIREMENT TRUST



Our parish would like to invite all parishioners to participate in the tenth annual Celebration of the Priesthood dinner on **Tuesday, September 18** at the Seaport World Trade Center. Academy Award-nominated actor Mark Wahlberg is this year's keynote speaker and will describe the transformative role of parish priests in his life. All the event proceeds support the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust, a ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston that provides exceptional health and personal care services to all our priests. This essential support enables priests to live their life-long vocation in the services of others.

Each year, nearly 1,600 people from across the Archdiocese attend this special event. Please consider joining our parish in support of all our priests. Call the office or stop by to purchase a ticket (\$350 per person).

**RESERVE NOW – PARISH TABLE SEATS ARE LIMITED!**



**Please pray for those serving in our Armed Forces and their families:**

**Gerald Byrnes Jr. (Marines)**

**Ralph Rizzo, Jr. (Marines)**

**Joseph Upton, Jr. (Marines)**

**Kenneth (Army)**

**Jackie Walsh (Army)**

**If you have a loved one serving in the military, please contact the Parish at 617-242-4664.**

### **MASS SCHEDULE**

#### **SATURDAY 08/04**

4:00 PM KITTY & DENIS SULLIVAN

#### **SUNDAY 08/05**

8:00 AM INTENTIONS OF PARISHIONERS  
10:30 AM  
6:00 PM + JOHN KELLY

**ROSARY IS PRAYED 1/2 HOUR BEFORE WEEKDAY MASSES**

#### **MONDAY 08/06**

8:00 AM TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

#### **TUESDAY 08/07**

8:00 AM

#### **WEDNESDAY 08/08**

8:00 AM PARISH PRAYER GUILD

#### **THURSDAY 08/09**

8:00 AM

#### **Friday 08/10**

8:00 AM SOULS IN PURGATORY

#### **SATURDAY 08/11**

4:00 PM + MARGARET & EMMETT PULLIAM  
+ HELEN IRVING, RITA SULLIVAN  
+ ELEANOR CONNOR

#### **Sunday 08/12**

8:00 AM  
10:30 AM + ANNE & EDWARD BOYLE  
6:00 PM

### **Annual Silver and Golden Anniversary Mass –**

If you are celebrating your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary this year, please join Cardinal Seán O'Malley on Sunday, Oct. 28 at St. Mary Parish in Waltham at 4:00PM for the annual Anniversary Mass and renewal of vows. Couples can register at [bostoncatholic.org/weddinganniversarymass](http://bostoncatholic.org/weddinganniversarymass) or contact:

Kelly Tolman  
at [ktolman@rcab.org](mailto:ktolman@rcab.org)  
or 617-746-5803.



### **Attendance**

Sat 07/28	4:00 PM -	66
Sun 07/29	8:00 AM -	77
Sun 07/29	10:30 AM -	96
Sun 07/29	6:00 PM -	68
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>307</b>

### **Upcoming Collections**

#### August 5, 2018

CRS (Catholic Relief Services)

#### August 15, 2018

Assumption

#### August 19, 2018

Monthly



### **Weekend of 7/28**

Parishioners contributed \$3,360.55 to the Weekly Sunday Collection

and

**Thank you for your continued support!**



**PLEASE REMEMBER THE POOR BOXES AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH**

### **PARISH MINISTRIES**

#### **PARISH COUNCILS**

FINANCE COUNCIL

PASTORAL COUNCIL

STEWARSHIP COMMITTEE &  
WELCOMING COMMITTEE

#### **LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS

LECTORS

ALTAR SERVERS

MUSIC MINISTRY

USHERS

ALTAR SOCIETY

GREETERS

ST. MATTHEW SOCIETY

ARIMATHEA SOCIETY

CANA SOCIETY

#### **FAITH FORMATION**

BAPTISM TEAM

RELIGIOUS ED K – 8

RCIA

ADULT CONFIRMATION

CONFIRMATION

CENTERING PRAYER

FAITH SHARING

CURSILLO

#### **OTHER MINISTRIES**

PRISON MINISTRY

ZELMA LACY ASSISTED LIVING

PRAYER FOR PEACE

CHRISTMAS CAROLERS

#### **SOCIAL MINISTRIES**

HARVEST ON VINE

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

#### **SOCIAL GROUPS**

COFFEE HOUR

BOOK CLUB

PLAYGROUP

**To learn more and/or become involved contact us at 617-242-4664 or visit our website at [stmaryscatherine.org](http://stmaryscatherine.org)**